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St. James's, March 27.

HIS Majesty having determined to hold a Chapter of the most noble Order of the Garter, the Knights Companions resident in and near London, were summoned by Vertue of Letters from the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, Chancellour of the Order, signifying the Sovereign's Pleasure for their personal Appearance here this Evening; whereupon his Royal Highness the Prince, and ten other Knights Companions habited in their Mantles, together with the Chancellour, Garter King of Arms, and the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, Officers of the said Order wearing their different Badges and respective Mantles, waited His Majesty's coming, in the Apartment next to His Closet: And upon His Majesty's Appearance robed in the Mantle of the Order, Garter by the Sovereign's Command called over the Names of the Knights Companions beginning with the Juniors, and then the Procession to the Council Chamber was in the following Order, wherein the Juniors went first, and those Knights, whose Companions were not present, went single, viz.

On the Left	On the Right
Earl of Sunderland,	and Duke of Kingstone a-breast.
Duke of Newcastle	alone.
Duke of Montague,	and Duke of St. Alban's a-breast.
Duke of Bolton	alone.
Duke of Kent	alone.
Duke of Argyll,	and Duke of Devonshire a-breast.
Duke of Richmond	alone.

Garter King of Arms, having the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod on his Left Hand.

The Chancellour of the Order with his Purse and Seal.

The SOVEREIGN.

Having thus entred the Chapter-Room, the Knights stood behind their several Chairs, placed according to the Situation of their Stalls in the Royal Chapel of Windsor, till the Sovereign had seated himself in a Chair of State, when the Knights Companions seated themselves by his Majesty's Leave, the Chancellour of the Order standing near His Majesty, and Garter King of Arms having the Black Rod on his Left Hand at the lower End of the Table. The Chancellour, by the Sovereign's Command, declared His Majesty's Intention that the Vacancy occasioned by the Death of the late Duke of Buckinghamshire, should be supplied by the Election of a new Knight Companion: The Statutes of the Order prohibiting the Election of any Person who hath not actually received the Honour of Knighthood, the Sovereign commanded Garter to bring in Charles Duke of Grafton, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, who being introduced between Garter and the Black Rod, kneeled down before His Majesty and was Knighted with the Sword of State, and then retired out of the Room. Immediately afterwards each Knight Companion having wrote down the Names of nine Persons whom they esteemed qualified to be elected, that is, three Earls or of higher Degree, three Barons, and three Knights, to which they severally set their Hands; and the Chancellour having collected their Scrutinies, beginning with the youngest Knight, and so proceeding in order, presented the same on his Knee to the Sovereign, who upon perusal thereof commanded the Chancellour to declare the said Duke of Grafton duely elected; Upon which Garter, accompanied with the Black Rod, was sent to introduce him to the Sovereign to be invested; and having brought him to the Door of the Chapter-Room, at the Entrance he was received by the two youngest Knights and conducted between them up to the Sovereign, with the usual Reverences, Garter King of Arms carrying before them on a Cushion the Garter (the Ensign of the Order) and a gold George in a blue Ribbond, having the Black Rod on his Left Hand; and these junior Knights returning to their Seats, Garter King of Arms on his Knee presented to the Sovereign the Garter; who delivered the same to the two senior Knights, and they buckled it about his Left Leg, while the Chancellour read the Admonition enjoined by the Statutes; and then Garter likewise on his Knee presented to the Sovereign the blue Ribbond with the gold George, and His Majesty assisted by the said two senior Knights put it over his Left Shoulder a-thwart under his Right Arm, who was then kneeling, the Chancellour at that time reading the usual Admonition; and then the said Duke of Grafton having kissed the Sovereign's Hand, and thanked His Majesty for the great Honour done him, rose up, saluted severally the Companions who all congratulated him, and then he withdrew.

The Chancellour then declared the Sovereign's further Pleasure of filling the Vacancy occasioned by the Death of the late Duke of Rutland, and the same Ceremonies being in every respect observed, the Right Honourable Henry Earl of Lincoln, Gentleman of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber, was also declared duly elected and invested with the Ensigns accordingly. And then the Knights Companions being again called over, they returned in the same Order to the Apartment next to his Majesty's Closet.

Paris, April 2. The Duke Regent having thought fit to order the Cardinals de Bissy, Mailly, and Polignac, to repair to Rome with all Expedition to assist at the ensuing Conclave, they have resolved to set out this Day. The King has made a Present of 50000 Livres in Specie to each of them, in order to enable them to perform their Journey. The Cardinal de Rohan passed the 13th of last Month through Munich, so that it is believed he is by this Time arrived at Rome. In an Assembly of the Sorbonne held the 1st Instant, it was resolved to perform a solemn Service for the Repose of the Soul of the late Pope; the Faculty declaring they do it to shew that they